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**RESPONSE**

Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This Response is being submitted in connection with the Office Action mailed on August 19, 2002 in connection with the above-identified application.

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Rejection of Claims 52-54, 56-58, 60-63, 65-70 and 72-78 under 35 U.S.C. Section 101

Claims 52-54, 56-68, 60-63, 65-70 and 72-78 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 101 as not being supported by a specific asserted or utility or a well-established utility. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.